

(c) whether the Government propose to take any steps to literate them particularly to literate the illiterates of Balsad district of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per 1991 census there are 32.89 crore illiterates in the age-group of 7 and above. State-wise number of illiterates is given in a Statement attached.

(c) and (d) Adult Education under the National Literacy Mission, Universalisation of Elementary Education and Non-Formal Education for school drop-outs constitute a three-pronged strategy to improve literacy throughout the country. The total literacy campaign which is the principal strategy of the National Literacy Mission for eradication of illiteracy, has been launched in 423 districts of the country.

Balsad district has been sanctioned Total Literacy Campaign in November 1993 to cover a target of 1.49 lakh illiterates in the age-group of 9-35 years. After completion of TLC a two years Post Literacy Campaign has been sanctioned to the district in Dec., 1996 to cover 1.43 lakh neoliterates in the age-group of 9-35 years.

Statement

S.No.	Name of the State/UT's	No. of illiterates in lakhs
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	310.56
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.98
3.	Assam	84.76
4.	Bihar	422.07
5.	Goa	2.53
6.	Gujarat	133.48
7.	Haryana	58.90
8.	Himachal Pradesh	15.65
9.	Karnataka	164.86
10.	Kerala	25.75
11.	Madhya Pradesh	296.24
12.	Maharashtra	229.86
13.	Manipur	6.14
14.	Meghalaya	7.03
15.	Mizoram	1.00
16.	Nagaland	3.84
17.	Orissa	133.96
18.	Punjab	70.44
19.	Rajasthan	215.97
20.	Sikkim	1.43
21.	Tamil Nadu	180.75
22.	Tripura	8.94
23.	Uttar Pradesh	647.69

1	2	3
24.	West Bengal	239.06
25.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.63
26.	Chandigarh	1.21
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.65
28.	Daman & Diu	0.25
29.	Delhi	19.31
30.	Lakshadweep	0.08
31.	Pondicherry	1.76
		3288.78

Information – excluding Jammu & Kashmir.

[English]

Almatti Dam

1477. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :
SHRI K.S. RAYADU :
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently issued some directions to Union Government and concerned State Governments regarding Almatti Dam issue;

(b) if so, details thereof and the action being taken thereon;

(c) whether the Union Government have also constituted any expert panel or committee to resolve the controversy involved in Almatti Dam issue;

(d) the steps taken by the panel so far in resolving the issue and the time by which the panel would submit its report; and

(e) whether the recommendations of the expert panel/committee would be binding on all the concerned parties ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Union Government have not constituted any Expert Panel or Committee to resolve the controversy involved in Almatti Dam issue.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Plague at Surat

1478. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the precise reasons that caused plague at Surat have since been ascertained;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow up steps taken in this regard to check recurrence of the epidemic in Surat and other places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The Technical Advisory Committee on Plague under the chairmanship of Prof. V. Ramalingaswamy have come to the conclusion that the Plague outbreak in 1994 was due to *Y. Pestis*.

(c) A National Apical Advisory Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to formulate a nation-wide disease surveillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic services, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence.

ISI Activities

1479. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received reports that Pakistan's I.S.I. is trapping Indian youths with the false promise to provide them jobs in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) While we have not received reports of ISI trapping Indian youth with false promises to provide them jobs in foreign countries, Government are aware of the role being played by Pakistani agencies in promoting disaffection and supporting terrorism in India.

(c) and (d) Government are resolved to continue taking all measures to counter the role of Pakistani agencies directed against India.

Sabotage by ISI

1480. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the newsitem captioned "ISI plans to create chaos in Kashmir" appearing in 'The Economic Times', New Delhi dated February 3, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps being taken to counter the eleven-point plan of action reportedly embarked upon by the inter Services Intelligence of Pakistan to create chaos and confusion in Jammu & Kashmir through Insurgents ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government are fully aware of the fact that Pakistan's support and promotion of trans-

border terrorism directed against India, particularly, in the State of Jammu & Kashmir, continues. Government are resolved to taking all measures to counter Pakistan's support to cross-border terrorism.

Loan to Hospitals in Cannanore

1481. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have advanced any amount by way of loan to any of the co-operative hospitals in Cannanore district of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of amounts granted to each such hospital; and

(c) the terms and conditions for advancing the loan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Irrigation Management

1482. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem captioned "Meet stresses better Irrigation management" appearing in daily 'Pioneer' dated January 22, 1997;

(b) if so, whether it is fact that an idea came up in the above national conference regarding participation of the farmer in the management of irrigation projects;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action to implement the above idea so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Water being a State subject, the role of Union Ministry of Water Resources is that of facilitator whereas the implementation of participatory Irrigation Management has to be done by the State Governments. National Water Policy of 1987 recommended that farmers should be progressively involved in the management of irrigation system. Under centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programme, necessary guidelines have been